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Mount Moriah buried with time

Cemetery with lots of history, largest in Pa., could become 'public nuisance' Official with Mason's Grand Lodge calls massive graveyard 'a shame' Home to one of largest Masonic burial sites in country

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▶ The cemetery is home to Philadelphia's first mayor, 14 Medal of Honor recipients and Civil War heroes from both sides.

The city of Philadelphia is seeking to have largest cemetery in the state declared a public nuisance and to name the widow of the last surviving member of the cemetery's governing body responsible for its upkeep.

During the last decade, Mount Moriah Cemetery, located in Southwest Philadelphia, has fallen into serious neglect. Vandals paint and topple tombstones, weeds and undergrowth conceal gravesites, old tires and trash are dumped on unkempt grounds. Phone calls to the cemetery office are answered with a recording message declaring the 380-acre site closed for business. No further information is available, the message says.

"It's a shame the cemetery is in disrepair, and I understand a lot of it is from vandalism, and that's a sin," said Dan Hinds, building superintendent for the Mason's Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Over the past several years, citations against the cemetery have been issued by the city though it has no specific oversight of the property.

Deputy Managing Director Brian Abernathy said the city asked a court on June 7 that the cemetery be declared a public nuisance and to have the widow of the last known member of the Mount Moriah Cemetery Association, Horatio Jones, held responsible for its upkeep.

"We want to make sure in 10 years we don't end up where we are today," he said. The state said no complaint has been filed, which is required for any investigation to begin.

Mark Anderson, of Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery, an organization which promotes the cemetery's welfare, said "(there's) a lot of pain people are going through. ... We really have an uphill struggle ahead of us."

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Patriotic history

Mount Moriah was founded in 1855 as a 54-acre rural cemetery. Over the years, its acreage spilled over into Yeadon in Delaware County. Today, the grounds contain over 88,000 graves.

Among those interred:

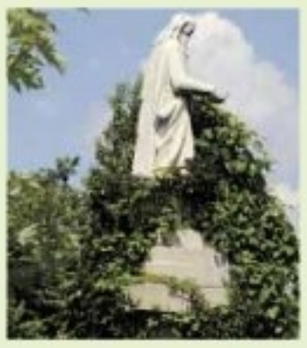
- Betsy Ross was buried there until her remains were exhumed and reburied at the Betsy Ross House in 1975.
- Two Philadelphia mayors
- 14 Medal of Honor recipients
- Singer-songwriter John Whitehead
- The cemetery also contains one of the largest number of Masonic burial sites.

How Pa. oversees cemeteries

Cemetery operations are governed by state law and regulated by the commonwealth's Real Estate Commission.

Ron Ruman, spokesman for the Department of State, said the law requires a complaint to be filed to warrant an investigation and as of yet, there is no action on file against Mount Moriah. He said no regular monitoring of a cemetery's upkeep or perpetual fund by the state is required.

Neglect of the cemetery may be at least partially due to the nature of a cemetery's perpetual care fund, Ruman said. By law, cemeteries have to maintain funds to provide for future upkeep. At least 15 percent of the price of any sale of a plot must go to the fund. METRO/MP



Liability court date

Lydia Jones, Horatio's widow, was present at a June 7 court hearing in a wheelchair and suffers from Parkinson's disease, according to Anderson of the cemetery's friends group. Jones, of Maryland, could not be reached for comment and her attorney, Barbara Zemlock, did not returned phone calls to her office.

According to a letter dated June 7 and signed by Richard Negrin, city managing director, Philadelphia and Yeadon are actively seeking a receiver for the property to control the cemetery's finances, to clean it up and to maintain it.

Written briefs are due before Judge Bradley Moss by July 1. METRO/MP

In the news

Bodega owner murdered

A North Philadelphia corner store owner was killed in an apparent robbery Saturday night. Feliz Rodriguez, 59, was discovered inside his store, Los Ingenitos, on North Ninth Street shortly before 8 p.m. Witnesses reported three black males fleeing the store. METRO/AW

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Major Camden blaze riles arson suspicions

Federal officials have taken lead on investigation into third multi-alarm industrial-site fire in two weeks

When Chuck Weston was driving to work in Camden yesterday, he saw clouds that got progressively darker, making him think he was heading into a thunderstorm. The lack of rain quickly told him it was actually smoke coming from the area of Lorco Petroleum Services, where he's employed.

The suspicious seven-alarm blaze — which was still being doused seven hours after it was reported — actually took place at an abandoned Concord Chemical Inc. warehouse at 19th and Federal streets.

"If this place went up," Weston said, gesturing to several multistory tanks of recycled oil and windshield wiper fluid nearby, "it'd take out the whole block."

Instead, only a tall brick warehouse across the street from rowhouses and a block away from the Cathedral Kitchen homeless mission will be gone once firefighters clear the scene. Demolition equipment arrived at an empty lot behind the Federal Street fire scene before the flames were gone.

The fire was reported around 5 a.m., with companies from across Camden County and Philadelphia responding. By 1:45 p.m., the hoses were being emptied and ladders lowered — except for one still working the back of the building. The front wall had already collapsed.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is heading an investigation.

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Three strikes

Three major blazes in Camden during the past 18 days have been deemed suspicious. They've left fire officials and the union worried that service cuts make for a riskier situation while locals wonder aloud whether it's the work of a firebug rebelling against fire department layoffs.

- **June 9:** 12-alarm fire at an abandoned tire factory in the Parkside neighborhood razes 23 buildings, displaces at least 16 families.
- **June 11:** 8-alarm fire in a former garment factory just a mile away in Waterfront South.

Conspiracy theory

Asked about theories that the culprit could be a firefighter angry about recent layoffs, Camden County Prosecutors Office spokesman Jason Laughlin said, "There is no evidence that there's a firefighter involved in this. That's just speculation."

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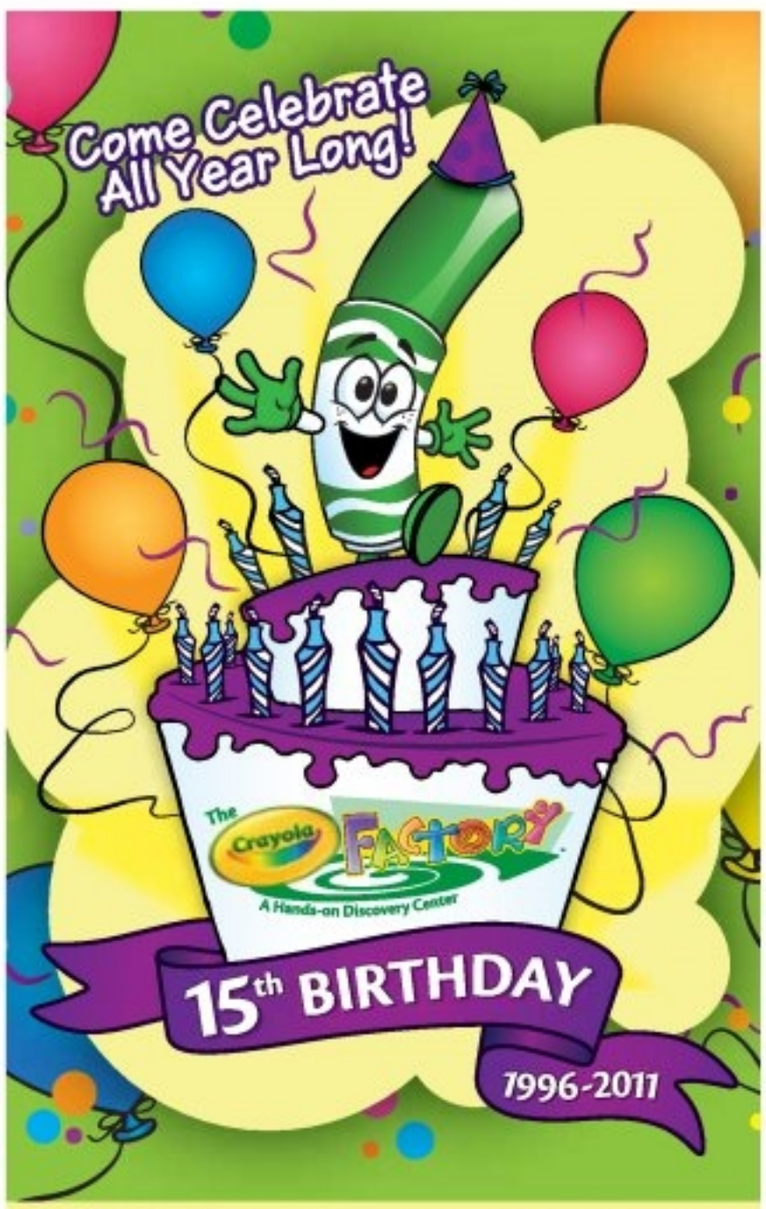
▶ Firefighters fought the Concord blaze into the afternoon.



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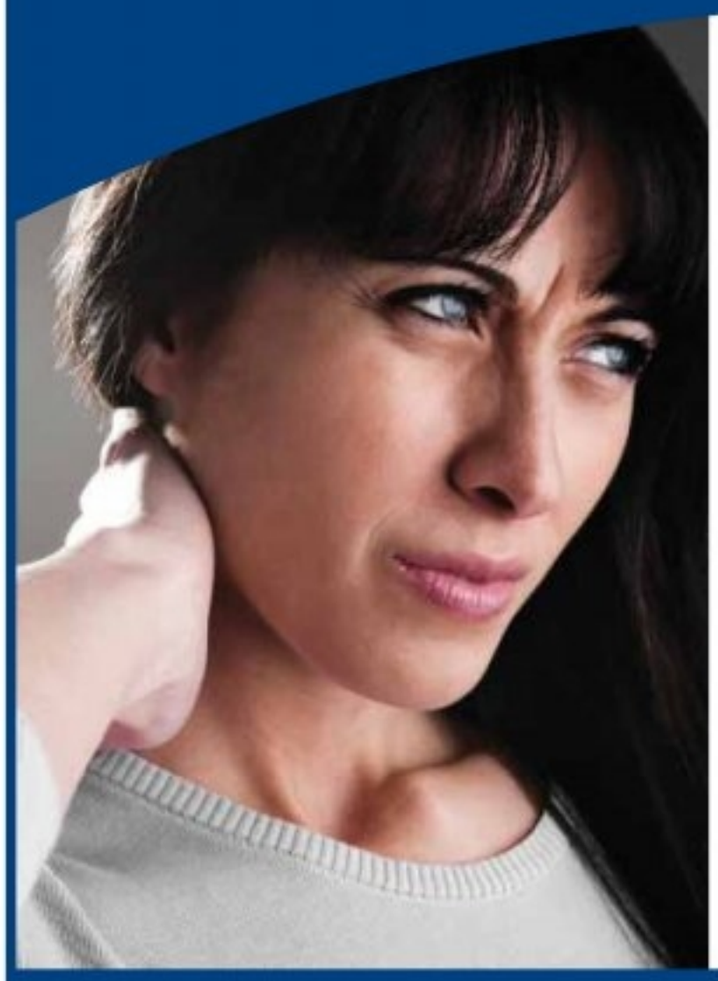

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Good, bad, ugly of Council in 2011

Observers gave Metro a quick rundown of what Council did and didn't do legislatively this spring

Metro asked three well-known political observers for their take on the legislative session, which just came to an end last week.

Should City Council be commended or chided for coming up with a deal to provide extra funding to the School District of Philadelphia?

Ellen Kaplan, Committee of Seventy: Council would have been pretty roundly criticized if they had done nothing, because obviously the school district has to be able to open in September. And if they had waited until after the summer, I don't think the district would have been able to plan for the school year.

What was Council's biggest accomplishment this session?

Brett Mandel, tax reform advocate: In rejecting the mayor's call for substantial tax increases to fund an ever-shifting menu of Superintendent Ackerman's pet projects, Council members showed they understand that the easy call to tax more when Philadelphia is one of the nation's highest taxed cities is not too hard to fight against. [Also,] they demonstrated that it is important to scrutinize budgetary decisions.

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What was Council's biggest missed opportunity?

Phil Goldsmith, former city managing director: Council's unwillingness to drop DROP. By refusing to take decisive action, Council missed an opportunity to show beleaguered taxpayers it feels their pain. METRO/SDL

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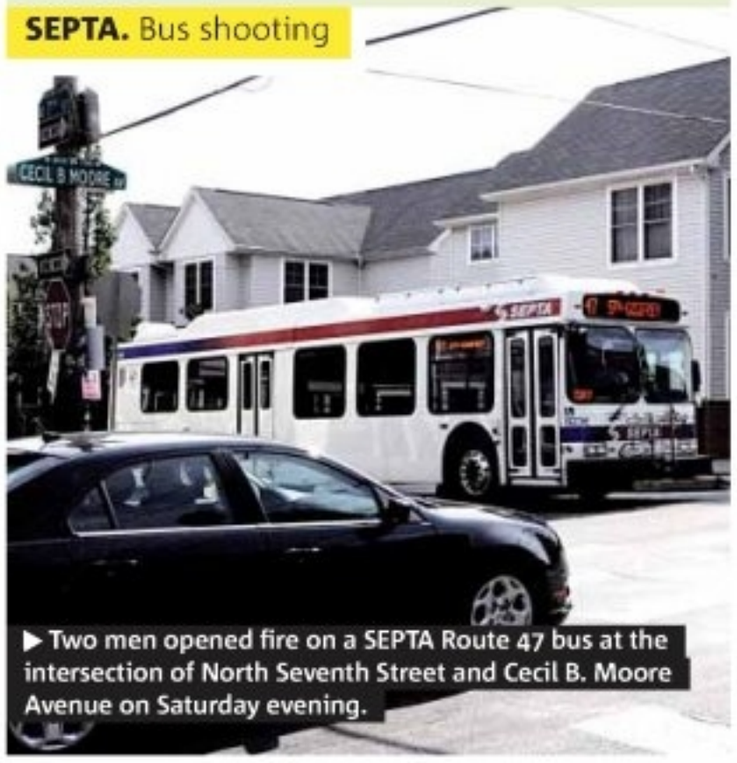
SEPTA. Bus shooting



▶ Two men opened fire on a SEPTA Route 47 bus at the intersection of North Seventh Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue on Saturday evening.

Woman orders bus shot up after argument

The search is on for two men and one woman in connection with a bus shooting. After an argument, a female rider allegedly called friends around 5 p.m. At a stop, the woman exited and pointed out her opponent to two men. They then opened fire on the bus. Eleven people on the bus escaped injury.

Man kills wife, son and self

BUCKS COUNTY. A Warrington man bludgeoned his wife and son to death with a baseball bat Friday night before committing suicide by lying in front of a train, according to reports.

Christopher Miller, 44, called 911 around 9:40 p.m. to report the murder of his wife, Irina Moyer, and his 7-year-old son at their home on Redstone Drive. He admitted to killing them with a baseball bat, the Bucks County Courier Times reported.

After reports of a fatality on SEPTA tracks in Hatboro around 1 a.m., authorities discovered his body on the rails.

The grisly incident is the second such killing in suburban Pennsylvania in recent months. In March, an Upper Merion man allegedly murdered his twin brother and parents with a samurai sword. METRO/AW

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Why a Porsche won't help you find your future wife

- Cruising in a luxury car will help guys get the ladies — but not for long
- New research shows 'flashy' spending turns off husband-hunting women

Is a man with a Porsche more attractive than a guy in a Honda Civic? Yes, but the appeal won't last for long, according to new research.

Scientists from three universities across America carried out a series of studies on 1,000 men and women on their attitudes toward 'flashy' spending and sexual attraction.

They found that when looking for a future partner, women are turned off by men flaunting their material assets.

"If men indulge in conspicuous consumption, they are more keen on short-term relationships. They are displaying their feathers like a peacock," says the study's lead author Jill Sundie.

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▶ The lease will outlast your relationships with women.

But women saw right through male intentions. The women studied did not spend money excessively to attract men. They saw big spenders as desirable dates but not necessarily as marriage material.

"The majority of women are not interested in only sex. These types of wasteful behaviors turn women off long-term commitments. For a long term partner, you want the male to invest in you and your children," Sundie says.

The report, "Peacocks, Porsches and Thorstein Veblen: Conspicuous Consumption as a Sexual Signaling System," was conducted by scientists at Houston's Rice University, the University of Texas-San Antonio and the University of Minnesota. Veblen, an American sociologist, coined the term 'conspicuous consumption' in 1899.

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Jill Sundie, University of Texas-San Antonio assistant professor of marketing and lead author of report

How is extravagant spending a turnoff for women?
Frivolous spending is not attractive because it takes energy and money away from the household. And secondly, the man might be interested in impressing other women if he continues to engage in this kind of behavior; this is also a sexual signal to other women.

Is this universally valid?
The collected data is from varied ethnicities, but they are all American students. Many other studies found that men are more interested in shorter relationships than women. Globally, flashy behavior is always male-dominated. Athletic prowess and artistic expression is a form of that showiness. Wherever we see behavior that is expensive, there is a good chance that it has something to do with mating.

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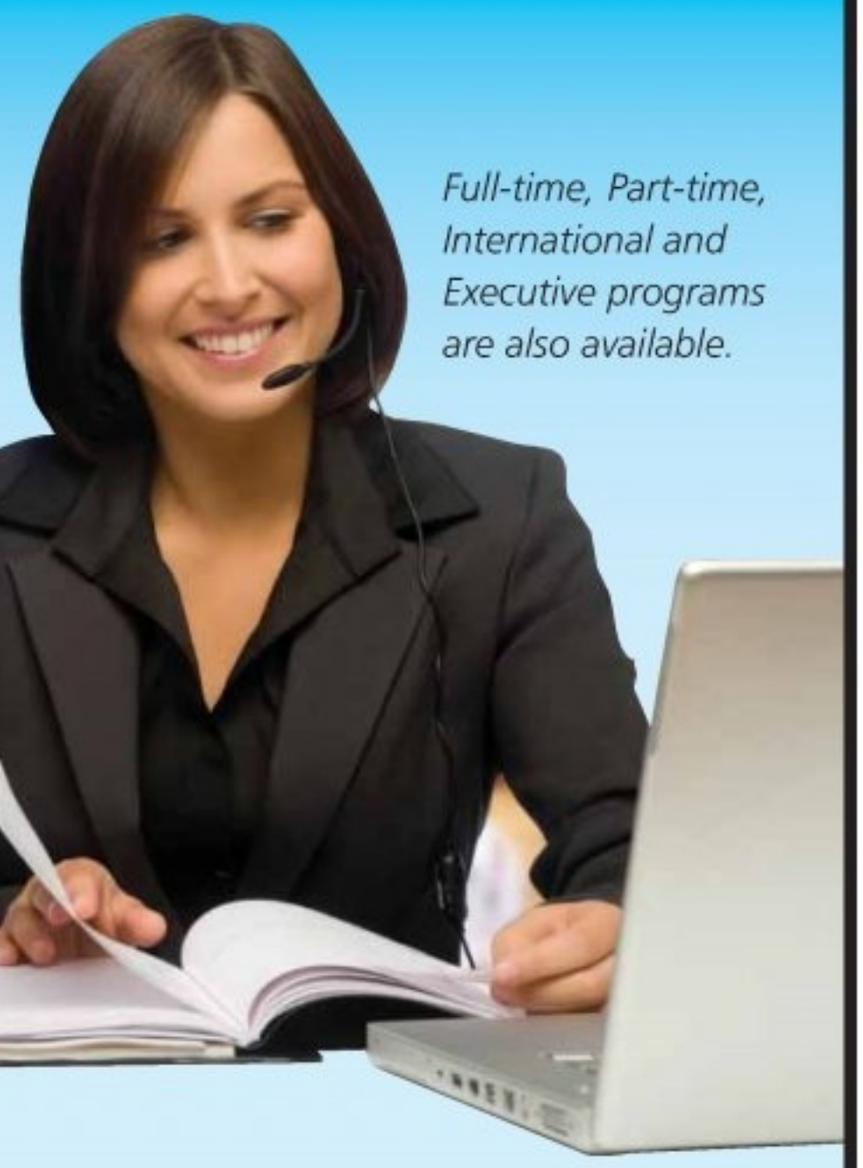

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No bomb found on plane

WASHINGTON. A U.S. Airways flight landed safely at Ronald Reagan National Airport yesterday after a bomb threat was made at a ticket counter in Ohio where the flight originated, authorities said.

The person suspected of making the threat at the Dayton, Ohio, airport was in custody and being investigated, FBI spokeswoman Lindsay Godwin said in a statement.

The FBI found no sign of a bomb on the plane, which landed at 1 p.m., Godwin said. **REUTERS**

Taliban, US talk peace

WASHINGTON. It could be months before efforts to broker a peace deal between the Afghan government and the Taliban bear fruit, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in an interview aired yesterday.

Gates, who steps down at the end of the month, said there had been contacts between United States and the Taliban in recent weeks, headed by the State Department. **REUTERS**

NATO strike killed locals

TRIPOLI. NATO admitted yesterday that its weapons destroyed a house in Tripoli, where Libyan officials said nine civilians were killed — an incident likely to sow new doubts inside the alliance about its mission in Libya.

The strike on the house was the clearest case yet of NATO bombing causing multiple civilian casualties, and comes at a time when NATO is already under strain. **REUTERS**

McCain rips GOP for 'isolationism'

2008 Republican presidential nominee calls out party's 2012 candidates ◗ Says Reagan would disapprove ◗ Lindsey Graham echoes concerns

Republican U.S. Sen. John McCain, his party's 2008 presidential nominee, ripped into the current crop of Republican White House contenders, accusing them of breaking party tradition by preaching "isolationism."

McCain said if former President Ronald Reagan were still alive he would have been disappointed in last week's Republican presidential debate in which candidates voiced impatience with U.S. military efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq and now Libya.

"He would be saying: That's not the Republican Party of the 20th century, and now the 21st century. That is not the Republican Party that has been willing to stand up for freedom for people for all over the world," McCain said.

"This is isolationism. There's always been an isolation strain in the Republican Party. But now it seems to have moved more center stage, so to speak."
MCCAIN

McCain made the comments in an interview with ABC's "This Week" program that was broadcast Sunday.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, who was one of McCain's top advisers in the 2008 campaign, echoed McCain's concerns.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if he's fearful "that there is an isolationist streak now running now through the Republican Party," Graham said, "Yes."

"If you think the pathway to the GOP nomination in 2012 is to get to Barack Obama's left on Libya, Afghanistan and Iraq, you are going to meet a lot of headwinds," Graham said. **REUTERS**

In the past

- **In 2004,** President Bush successfully won a second term by embracing his war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **In the 2008 campaign,** McCain and other Republicans also supported Bush's surge of troops in Iraq.
- At last week's debate, Republican candidates made it clear that times have changed.

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Costume. At the office

▶ Wang Kang waves to co-workers at the office dressed as Iron Man.

▶ Wang Kang poses with the suit.

▶ Take a peek underneath the suit.

Forget work, Iron Man's at the office

An ordinary office day may be boring, but it might get more interesting when your colleague shows up as a superhero. A telecoms company employee, Wang Kang, stunned his office colleagues and boss in Shanghai, China, when he strutted into the office in his homemade Iron Man suit. Wang and his formidable ensemble immediately became an Internet sensation after the photos and videos were posted on China's Twitter-like micro blog Weibo by his colleagues. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Crystal Harris is having a tacky ball

Crystal Harris was paid to go to (and be photographed by) Wet Republic in Las Vegas this Saturday with **Heidi Montag** and **Spencer Pratt** — the day that would have been her wedding day to **Hugh Hefner**. This is an obvious ploy for attention and a sad attempt at fame by her so I should probably not run this photo in a feeble attempt at stopping the inevitable march of various PR machines to weasel her into the public consciousness for doing nothing other than being blond, plastic and slightly shrewd for getting the elderly Hefner into the sack and then dumping him in order to create attention. But, I had to tell you this as a miracle has happened: It turns out I agree with **Holly Madison** on the topic! About Harris' Saturday appearance, the former "Girls Next Door" star tweeted, "That's disgusting." She followed with: "And whoever booked her is tacky." The only other upside to this is, again, for Harris: She got to spend her wedding night with balls that were actually inflated.

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▶ Harris' Saturday had way more bikini-time than if she had gotten married to Hefner (I think).

Why does Christina get paid more?

It's apparently costing NBC a pretty penny to get **Christina Aguilera** on TV, as the singer is reportedly earning $225,000 an episode for her work as a judge on "The Voice," according to the Hollywood Reporter. Her fellow judges aren't so lucky though, as **Cee Lo Green**, **Adam Levine** and **Blake Shelton** are said to be pulling in $75,000 an episode. I'm not sure why Aguilera gets paid more: Although she was one of the most famous people on the planet five years ago, I feel like Green and Levine are the bigger stars in 2011. Or maybe I feel this way because Levine is a fine specimen of man and his abs alone should command $1 million per episode. What do you think — is this pay disparity fair? Write in!

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Frankie Muniz is launching a new career, Bar Refaeli had an accident, Katy Perry is making a change and Hugh Hefner spends his aborted wedding night with Adam Sandler.

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I'm going to be a politician. I'm running for public office. I will be announcing soon. #Muniz2016

▶ @BarRefaeli
I broke my arm. And I'm annoyed! Boooooooo

▶ @katyperry
"tonight I dye my hair a different color... Can you guess which color?!"

▶ @hughhefner
"Anna, the girls & I watched Adam Sandler & Drew Barrymore in '50 First Dates' tonight."

Hugh Hefner

In memoriam

'Big Man' among men

Though **Clarence Clemons** died of complications from a stroke on Saturday at age 69, he will live on in rock 'n' roll history forever. **Bruce Springsteen** immortalized him on the song "10th Avenue Freeze Out" on his 1975 breakthrough album, "Born to Run." And every time the Boss sang the line in concert, "The change was made uptown and the Big Man joined the band," crowds would erupt in an appreciative frenzy as Clemons blasted his signature saxophone fill. But it is the line after that which is the most telling: "From the coastline to the city, all the little pretties raise their hands."

Springsteen clearly understood the importance of Clemons to his success. And these lines are only a part of why the Big Man will live on forever. His work on songs like "Thunder Road," "Rosalita," "Jungleland" and "Badlands" was integral to cementing these songs as classics.

Springsteen seemed to always award Clemons this respect, choosing to introduce him last when he announced the E Street Band. As a lifelong fan of the E Street Band, I had the honor of speaking with Clemons two years ago when he was promoting his autobiography, "Big Man," which provides an account of a life that was a rewarding mix of hard times, good humor and absolutely unbelievable incidents. Towards the latter, the subtitle of the book is "Real Life & Tall Tales." In conversation, Clemons had a learned humility about him, like he knew he had earned his place, but he still seemed slightly incredulous about his crazy life. At one point he spoke of meeting actor Sean Connery when they played Scotland. "He said, 'I did not come to see Bruce. I came to see you,'" laughed Clemons, as he attempted to affect Connery's Scottish accent. "And that really blew my mind."

To listen to more of Pat Healy's interview with Clemons, visit www.metro.us/mixtape

PAT HEALY, MUSIC EDITOR

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Celebrities were out in force this weekend, from performing in concerts to walking the red carpet

1: Tom Cruise, along with wife Katie Holmes, attended a "Rock of Ages" cast party on Saturday at Larios on the Beach in Miami Beach.

2: Courtney Love showed up at the hipster paradise that is Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to catch a few performances at the 2011 Northside Music Festival at McCarren Park Saturday.

3: Bob Dylan (nice hat!) headlined the Feis Festival in Finsbury Park in London on Saturday.

4: Very pregnant director Kat Coiro and actress Kate Bosworth were all smiles Saturday night at the LA Film Fest premiere of their new movie "Life Happens."

5: Actress/singer/sometimes teen zombie Taylor Momsen appeared at a press conference for Samantha Thavasa in Tokyo on Saturday.

6: Yes, she's still pushing that book of hers: Star Jones signed copies of "Satan's Sisters" at Barnes & Noble on Saturday in Los Angeles.

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TV watch list

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▶ Olbermann

'Countdown with Keith Olbermann'

NEWS. After parting high-profile ways with MSNBC earlier this year, Olbermann and his commentary show resurface tonight on Current TV. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., Current TV**

'Hoarders'

REALITY. The Season 4 premiere includes a woman who "collects" dolls and another who has lost utilities in her home because of her hoarding. And yes, it's really added up to four seasons already. Welcome, friends, to being Part of the Problem. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., A&E** MONICA WEYMOUTH

Box office

'Lantern' falls short at the box office

The costly superhero movie "Green Lantern" flickered at the weekend box office in North America, while a Jim Carrey family comedy got a lukewarm reception. According to studio estimates issued on Sunday, "Green Lantern" earned about $52.7 million — at the lower end of expectations — during its first three days of release in the U.S. and Canada.

The Warner Bros. 3-D release will need to make up ground overseas to recoup its reported $200 million production budget and its $125 million worldwide marketing tab. (The studio said those numbers were too high, but declined to give its own figures.)

Ideally, the picture would have opened to about $55 million, said Dan Fellman, the president of domestic theatrical distribution at the Time Warner Inc., unit. But it was too early to get an accurate picture of its prospects, he added.

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▶ Ryan Reynolds' stars in "Green Lantern."

Critics mauled the picture, which stars Ryan Reynolds as an intergalactic space cop. The relatively obscure character originated in a DC Comics book, and is the latest superhero to invade theaters in recent weeks following "Thor" ($65 million opening) and a fifth "X-Men" movie ($55 million).

Carrey's comedy "Mr. Popper's Penguins" came in at No. 3 with $18.2 million, exceeding the $10 million to $15 million expectations of 20th Century Fox. Last weekend's champion, "Super 8," slipped to No. 2 with $21.3 million. REUTERS

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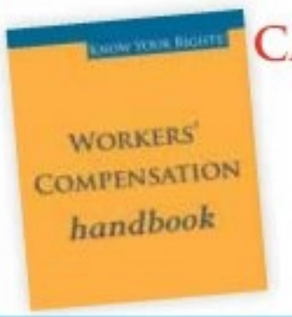

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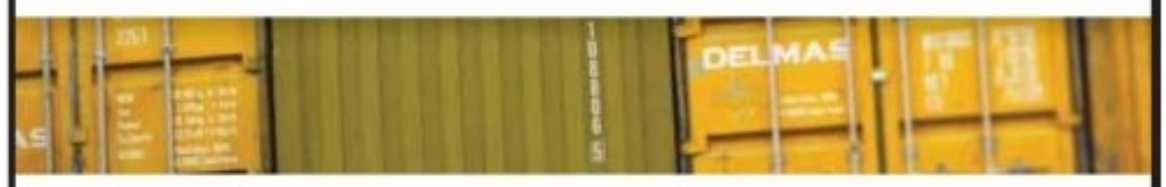

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Ryan Reynolds suits up as Green Lantern in the latest DC Comics blockbuster

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▶ Ryan Reynolds led the box office this weekend with "Green Lantern."

If people could be bound by antitrust laws, Ryan Reynolds might find himself on the business end of some serious litigation. Between Hannibal King in "Blade: Trinity," Deadpool in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and Hal Jordan in this summer's "Green Lantern," the sitcom star turned hard-bodied leading man has created a superhero monopoly — and that's not even mentioning the possible "Deadpool" feature in development.

Sitting down to chat with the actor one gloomy June afternoon in Beverly Hills, his obvious abdominal and pectoral supremacy aside, one has to ask, what exactly makes Reynolds so superhero-y?

"Well, first of all, Hannibal King is not a superhero," Reynolds deadpans with his signature sardonic wit. "He's a human being who bleeds and dies if you stab him. Deadpool is kind of an anti-hero, not a superhero. In fact, he'd probably kill you if you called him a superhero. Green Lantern — now that's a superhero," he grins.

The nerd within

Another of Reynolds' numerous charms is the feeling that, although he's built like a brick house and has a matinee idol's chiseled good looks, there's an inner geek lurking just below that well-hewn surface. At the mention of unspoken nerdiness, he laughs.

"Yeah, I was a drama geek and all that crap when I was a kid," he admits. "And I looked like a young Asian girl until I was 19."

Evasive answers aside, the 34-year-old Canadian has undeniably become one of Hollywood's go-to action idols, a distinction Reynolds shrugs off with charming humility. "I'd like to think that I can encompass some sort of an average Joe," he offers. "That's what [Green Lantern] is. This ring selected this guy for reasons totally baffling to him and everyone around him for an unbelievable, extraordinary task. But it could be anyone."

His co-stars might beg to differ. "He's a great superhero, but, specifically, he's a great Green Lantern," explains Blake Lively, who plays Carol Ferris, Hal's contentious love interest. "Green Lantern is a person who is a strong, capable man — but he's also very human and he gets by on his charms. Having someone like Ryan play this character, who has such a heart, humanity and incredible likability, who's disarmingly charming and witty — you really need that."

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New website helps students make back some money at the end of the semester Other tips for saving

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Many students try to recoup some of that cost by selling back their books after the semester. Unfortunately, they might get only five or 10 percent of the original price, leaving them a grand in the hole.

Derek Haake looked at these numbers and realized that the seller would receive more, and the buyer would pay less, if no third party were involved. He created BookDefy.com, a site that provides students with a way to exchange or sell books safely, privately and simply. "It's a way to let students create a secondary marketplace," Haake explains.

The exchange is limited to college students: You need to have a college e-mail address to register at the site. Beyond that, though, your information is kept confidential. "This isn't Facebook or Craigslist," Haake emphasizes.

To provide safe public places to meet, BookDefy is creating a network of exchange partners — campus organizations and local businesses that support the site's mission. Since many exchanges take place through the mail, the site also facilitates PayPal transactions.

The site launched publicly just last month, so summer school has been the first real test of the system. "We're getting great feedback," says Haake, "and will be ready for the big push of fall semester."

Looking beyond that, Haake is considering expansion: Reading groups and students at independent secondary schools have expressed interest.

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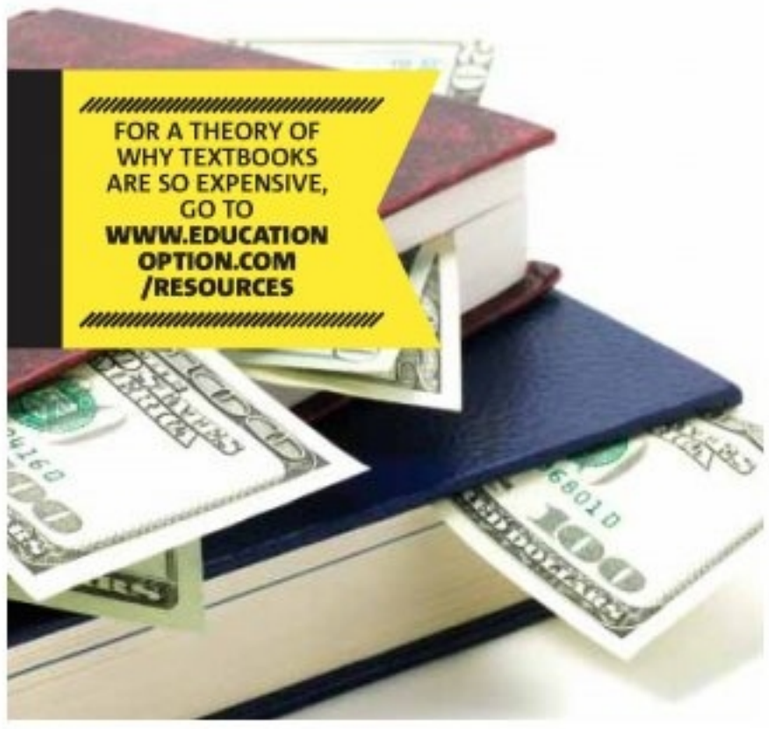

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After 'Crisis,' the search for 'Equity'

Dr. Frances Contreras on how to improve education opportunities for Latino children in the US What she found while writing her new book

In 2009, Patricia Gandara and Frances Contreras authored a sweeping assessment of academic opportunities for Latino children. Published by Harvard University Press, the findings in "The Latino Education Crisis" were quite grim: Among a complex web of problems, they found that Latinos are increasingly funneled into remedial classes and often grow up in linguistically and geographically segregated communities.

But Dr. Contreras, at least, didn't want to leave that sorrowful note hanging in the air without providing suggestions for change. Not even two years later, she has authored the sequel to "Crisis." "Achieving Equity for Latino Students" hit shelves this month, providing a series of suggestions for students, parents and policymakers to apply direct, positive change. In approximately 200 pages, Contreras addresses a number of significant education policies in the U.S. and how each can be strengthened or adjusted to make crucial changes for Latino children — from affirmative action to P-20 initiatives to financial aid.

"I didn't just want to point out the problems, I wanted to find the distinct policy levers and look at the ways the [Latino community] can become involved — to ask, 'How can Latinos become part of the solution?'" Contreras says. "Back in the '80s, we talked about 'the sleeping giant.' There was a feeling in [the Latino community] that Latinos hadn't yet realized their political potential. Now that more Latinos are voting, this is a call to action for more Latinos to get involved and for Latino parents to get engaged with the education of their children."

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When a co-worker becomes boss

- Some promotions make for an uncomfortable office environment
- How to handle the transition like a professional from both sides

It's hard to say who to feel more sorry for: the co-worker who misses out on a big promotion or the unlucky employee who gets it.

Workmates who watch their old friend move up a floor often lose hope, career counselors note — they feel as if their own career is running in place. But the newly crowned boss? They lose friendships, embark on a life of solitary lunches and miss out on the spirit of workplace camaraderie.

"Most everyone does it wrong, and it becomes a total disaster," executive coach Cynthia Shapiro says. "You lose all your friends. It's a serious issue and it's very common."

But it doesn't have to be terrible. Here's how to handle that dreaded workplace transition.

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If you're the new boss

New boss task No. 1, Shapiro says, isn't to strong-arm your old equals into respecting — or worse, fearing — you. It's to make them comfortable with the uneasy arrangement.

"Don't come in and tell them what to do — you're not above them," she cautions. "The first thing you want to do is ask 'What can I do for you? What can be done better? What can I do to make your work better?' Make sure they know you are advocating for them."

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That doesn't mean, however, that you should get too chummy.

"You don't want to be on either end of the spectrum," Meredith Haberfeld, founder of the Institute for Coaching says. "Don't be getting drunk after work with who used to be your peers or start acting like you're above them. Be yourself."

And don't downplay your promotion, either, she adds. "Fake humility is thin veneer, and people can see right through it."

If your former peer is the new boss

Watching an old pal become your overseer can boil up a pot of resentments, Shapiro notes — but it shouldn't. "Your friend is now the person in charge of whether you get a raise, what your job security is like," he says. "That's a great place to be."

Make sure you express that, too, she adds: "You definitely always want to say, 'I'm really happy for you' — just so they know you're not feeling threatened."

And if you are feeling threatened? Grow up.

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To break into the insurance industry, what degree should I pursue in college?

I wouldn't worry about that too much. Training in this industry is typically done after you get a job, not before. That being said, the vast majority of people are going to have degrees in business administration, business management, marketing or finance. There are some, not many, universities that actually have degrees in insurance. If you're sure this is the industry for you, a degree in insurance would really set you apart.

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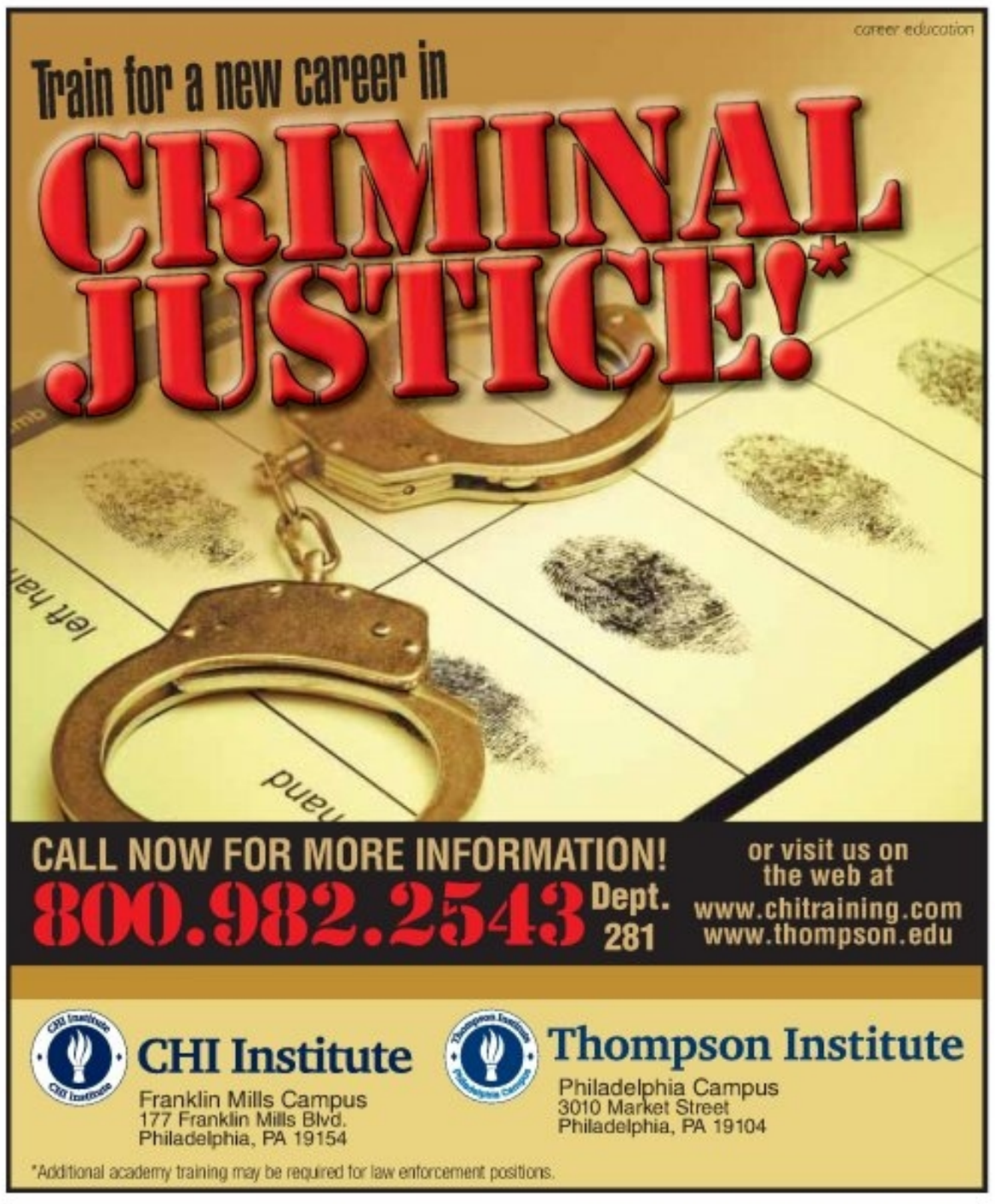

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Networking is a skill that's critical to your career, regardless of your profession, industry, location or age. But a recent study by Emory University determined that 89 percent of networking encounters occur by force without the mutual content of both parties involved. You don't want to create awkward networking situations, because they typically don't turn into long-term professional relationships.

Networking is how we get jobs, advance in our careers and live a more fulfilling life. Here's how to get started:

1. Research potential contacts online first
The best way to narrow down who you should be networking with is to perform searches online, starting with LinkedIn's professional database. Think about what companies you're interested in, the types of positions at those companies you'd enjoy and where the person is located. Also, by developing your online presence and designing it based on your passion, you will inadvertently attract the right people and repel the wrong ones.

2. Help people out before asking for favors
If you want to build a relationship with someone else, do something for him or her first. By helping someone else out with a problem, or introducing that person to one of your contacts, you will build trust and he or she will want to voluntarily help you in return.

3. Don't throw business cards at people
Don't be "that guy" and hand out cards to 100 people at a networking event. Instead, find the top five people you want to meet and spend the entire time with them. That way, you'll actually get to know them and they will be more inclined to meet you in the future.

4. Let people know what you love doing
Don't be afraid of telling other people what you love to do, because it will attract people who share the same interests. Also, if people don't know that you're searching for a job, how are they supposed to help?

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Future demand for health care workers

The health care industry has proven reasonably recession-proof over the last two years. And while hiring has dipped somewhat in that time, many health care organizations plan to send their recruiters out with renewed vigor in the coming months, due largely to the pending federal health care overhaul.

While pundits, judges and politicians fight over the pending legislation, many health care providers are quietly betting that 2013 will see a good deal of the 50 million currently uninsured Americans enter the health care market.

"Sometimes uncertainty can work to your advantage if you make some well-placed bets," says Gary Young, the director of the Center for Health Policy at Northeastern University. "There are some that are saying, 'I think health care reform is going to stand. I think demand for services is going to increase, so I'm going to go out in the labor market now.'"

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▶ Trained health care workers can expect forward-looking providers to be hiring.

Not only will there be more demand for services, but providers are preparing for the new age of "accountable care organizations," which will reimburse providers based on certain measured results.

"Accountable care will create an entirely new field. That always means hiring. Right now there's some paranoia," says Jim Gibson, of Gibson Consultants, a health care recruiter based in Connecticut. "But most executives that I've met with are moving forward as if [the new legislation] is going through."

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Sticking up for Weiner

Anthony Weiner should not have been forced to resign. Sexting is not infidelity and even if it was, cheating does not impede a person's ability to govern. I don't want to be a hypocrite. I can't imagine losing my vocation because of texting racy photos. John Edwards violated campaign rules. Weiner just lied about a sex scandal, which is a political mandate. It isn't like he said, "They have weapons of mass destruction!" And that politician was reelected.

RICH BRITTLE SR., VIA E-MAIL

Shame on the media

It's a shame that the media has had a field day with Anthony Weiner's name and actions. At least he apologized and resigned. Maybe your editorial staff members should do the same. He's been doing work for his constituents for two decades, but you're a newcomer who's one-sided opinions aren't furthering the public at large.

PETER ZACCONE, VIA E-MAIL

The Democrat debacle

Anthony Weiner's political death is the shame of our Democratic party and our media. The party fatally bullied and sunk one of their most devoted members. His actions were his private issue, and he did nothing wrong to America.

LEON ELKIN, VIA E-MAIL

The GOP really out of touch

Take it from a former Republican that the GOP is in touch, they simply have their own quiet agenda and are doing a wonderful job enacting it. What were they doing while the press devoted its energies to Weinergate? They were pushing to gut the WIC program in order to fund tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires, which they argue will create jobs. This demonstrates what the GOP acronym now means; greed over people!

TERRENCE ROBERTSON, VIA E-MAIL

The terms of commitment

It might help if we think of the word "marriage" as a homonym: one spelling, one pronunciation, two meanings. It can mean one man and one woman to some, in a social, cultural and religious context, but mean a legally recognized union of two individuals in a strictly civil sense. In that way everyone gets to use the word as they wish, and no one gets to own it.

DAVID HOFFMAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Circumstances that held you back could begin to change in ways that would be beneficial. The twists and turns life takes will help you establish a new, important objective.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** A joint endeavor with a like-minded individual could be especially promising. Each of you could turn out to be lucky in ways the other isn't, strengthening the team.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You are likely to discover a new market that could utilize your skills in fortunate ways. Putting forth your best effort will be greatly rewarded.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Situations that call for collective bargaining could benefit you greatly because of your natural ability for just that. The other party will recognize and welcome your sense of fairness.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because of your innate negotiating skills, any arrangement that requires a partnership should work out wonderfully. Each side will be able to contribute their most valuable asset.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** By carefully analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of taking a calculated risk at work, you should be able to advance your career. Be bold, not brash.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** New, advantageous developments should make you even more popular with your peers than you already are. Enjoy your friends.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Bigger and better material breaks are likely to come from a number of your ongoing arrangements. If you play them right, these new opportunities will add to your holdings.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Write down any ideas, concepts or new products you think of. You are in an especially creative cycle right now, and what you conceive could meet a real need.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It could be a better than usual day for finalizing a meaningful matter. If you know what you want to do and sense that you're lucky, don't sit on it.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It behooves you to be friendly and outgoing because by being so, a valuable link can be established that'll give you greater access to an important area.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** This could be an interesting day; events and circumstances could help you establish something new that could turn out to be of great significance.

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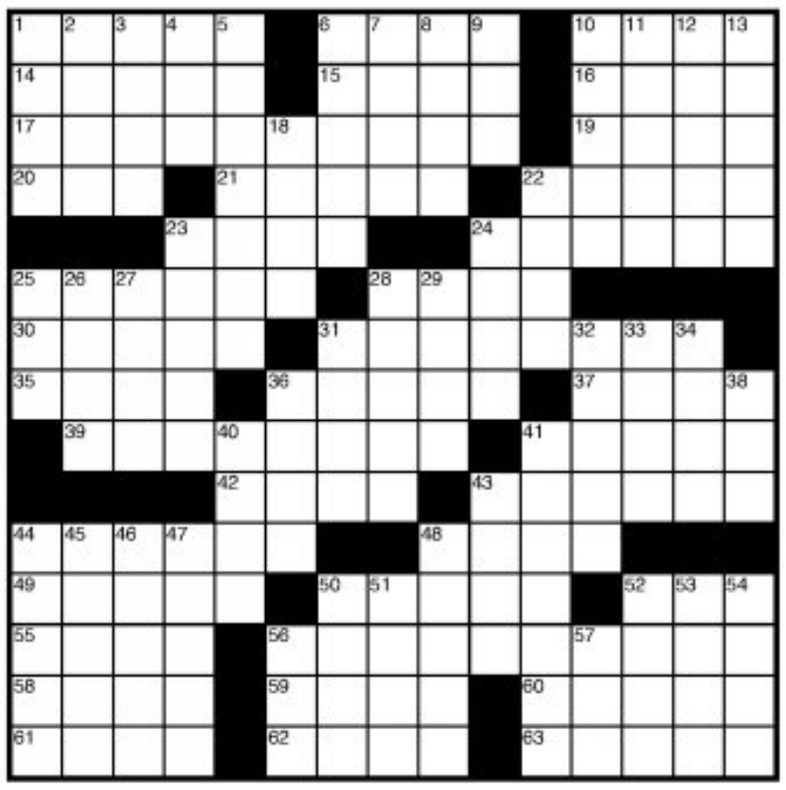

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Runaway Rory wins US Open in big way

Golfer breaks tournament's scoring record, wins by eight shots ◗ Gets vote of confidence from Nicklaus ◗ Could McIlroy be new face of PGA?

Can Rory McIlroy save the PGA Tour?

After breaking the U.S. Open scoring record by four shots, many are calling the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland the heir apparent to Tiger Woods.

McIlroy was cheered wildly yesterday, with chants of "Rory, Rory, Rory" every time he teed it up. His four-day scoring total of 16-under 268 topped the 272 mark, first set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980.

"The whole week's been incredible," McIlroy said. "I played great for four days and I couldn't be happier."

The win made McIlroy the second-youngest player to win a major since World War II. The first? Woods. But it was his poise — just two months after an epic meltdown at the Masters — that had people excited.

Even Nicklaus.

"I think this kid's going to have a great career," Nicklaus said during the NBC broadcast. "I don't think there's any question about it. He's got all the components."

McIlroy's performance was eerily similar to when Woods scorched the field at Pebble Beach and won by a record 15 shots.

"I was trying to go out there today and emulate him in some way," he said.

Mission accomplished.

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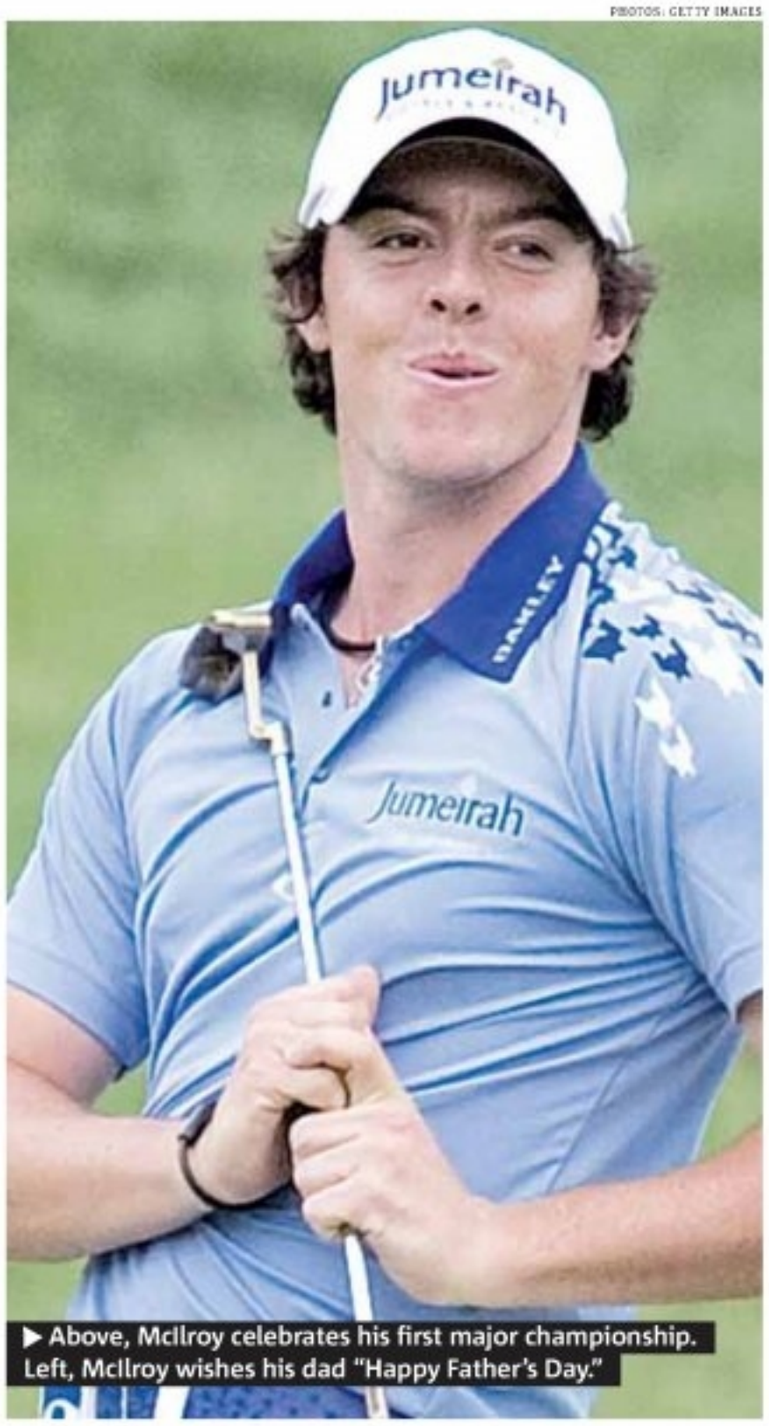

▶ Above, McIlroy celebrates his first major championship. Left, McIlroy wishes his dad "Happy Father's Day."

Americans struggling

Americans are losing at the game of golf.

Rory McIlroy's U.S. Open win made it five straight for non-Americans in major championships. More alarming, many of the U.S. hopefuls didn't put up a fight.

Matt Kuchar finished 14 shots back, with Dustin Johnson 17 back and Lucas Glover 20 away. Not that many had a legitimate chance the way McIlroy was playing. Only two Americans finished in the top 10, including Kevin Chappell and Robert Garrigus, who tied for third — 10 shots behind McIlroy.

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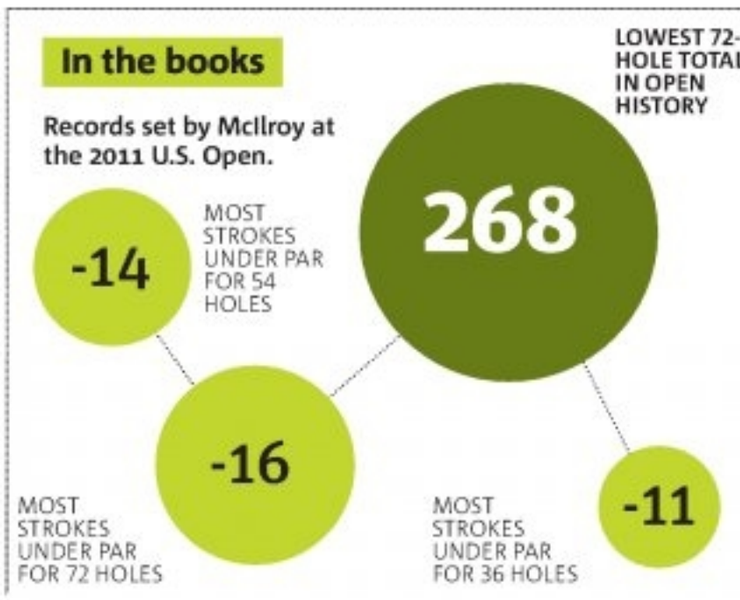
Records set by McIlroy at the 2011 U.S. Open.



Up and down

Sergio Garcia

Two years ago, Sergio Garcia was the world's No. 2 player, with the attitude to match. But injuries and a self-admitted lack of passion derailed his career and dropped him all the way down to No. 76. However, the 31-year-old Spaniard flashed some of his old magic at the Open. Garcia finished at 5-under 279 — and had a chance to gain ground, if he had connected on a few makeable putts down the stretch, including a bogey on No. 18.

Matt Kuchar

Kuchar was trending last week as a possible surprise winner at Congressional, getting 25-1 odds on some betting sites. And the 32-year-old American played well at times, and finished a respectable 14 shots behind the runaway train that was Rory McIlroy. In the final round, however, Kuchar blundered away too many chances. He double-bogeyed on hole No. 3, then bogeyed three on the back nine. Kuchar was 2-over for the afternoon after entering the day 10 shots off the pace.

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"Nothing this kid does ever surprises me. He's the best player I've ever seen."

GRAEME MCDOWELL, TALKING ABOUT RORY MCILROY. MCDOWELL WON LAST YEAR'S U.S. OPEN

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Phillies aces making presence felt at dish

Halladay, Lee, Oswalt, Hamels put time in batting cage ◗ Push each other on mound, at plate ◗ Hitting coach impressed with dedication

Cliff Lee is usually ready for anything; but when Charlie Manuel asked the ace to pinch-hit back in May, the most popular athlete in Philadelphia was taken aback.

"Charlie caught me off guard with that one," Lee said. "But if he gives me the chance [to hit], I'm up for it. It's a fun part of the game."

Most pitchers appear to be going through the motions at the plate, but that's not so when it comes to the Phab Four.

"It's important to get up there and try to help yourself," Roy Oswalt said.

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"You don't see a group like this that often. But they know how important it is to be productive at the plate."
HITTING COACH GREG GROSS

According to Manuel, Oswalt is one of the best bunters on the team.

"I learned how to bunt when I got sick of embarrassing myself with Houston," Oswalt said. "You might not be able to teach yourself to hit but you can teach yourself how to bunt, if you have good hand-eye coordination. Guys need to bunt in the big leagues."

Cole Hamels has perhaps the best stroke of the Phillies pitchers. It's no surprise that Hamels — up to .284 earlier in the season — is batting over .200. Pete Mackanin, who handles the offensive side of the staff's pitchers, is impressed with Hamels.

"He can hit," Mackanin said. "He takes pride in what he does. He's fun to work with."

Hit parade

Here is how the Phillies' aces stack up at the plate over the past few seasons.

- **Roy Halladay**
  2010 average: .141
  2011 average: .057
- **Cliff Lee**
  2009 (with Phillies): .212
  2011 average: .242
- **Roy Oswalt**
  2010 average: .140
  2011 average: .111
- **Cole Hamels**
  2010 average: .149
  2011 average: .242

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▶ Lee was asked to pinch-hit in May.

Roy Halladay has come the longest way in the shortest period of time at the plate. When Halladay joined the Phillies in 2010, he looked as comfortable at the plate as a Cowboys fan at the Linc.

"Roy is a very competitive person," Lee said. "He wants to be the best at everything. We have a friendly competition here with us [pitchers]. It's a good thing since if we hit well, it helps the club. It's all about winning."

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Reality sets in for Kirsch, QB controversy for Soul?

New starting quarterback benched at halftime ◗ Throws three picks in 48-42 loss to Tulsa ◗ Made same mistakes as predecessors, coach says

The home debut of Brandon Kirsch started out like a Hollywood fairy tale.

The Soul's shiny new starting quarterback threw two touchdown passes Friday night, including a 36-yard strike on the team's opening drive.

Then, reality set in.

Kirsch chucked three interceptions in the first half, leading to a 48-42 loss to Tulsa. The 27-year-old was benched at halftime in favor of Ryan Vena.

"He was inconsistent, especially down by the red zone," said Soul coach Mike Hohensee. "I didn't think he was seeing things very clearly. I thought he did some good things and he gave you an array of hope that he was going to be the guy and he went back and made the same mistakes as his two predecessors made."

Kirsch (14-for-25 for 180 yards and two TDs) was signed by the Soul on May 20 and hadn't played in the AFL since 2008. Ironically, one of his predecessors — Justin Allgood — is now the starter for Tulsa.

"I thought I would never play organized football again. But, here I am, so I guess once you've been involved with it, you never know when you might get that call to come back," Kirsch said.

Following his junior season at Purdue, Kirsch had dreams of playing quarterback in the NFL, just like his idol, Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino. But Kirsch never heard his name called on draft day.

"Let's put it this way about the NFL, people hit the lottery here and there; I don't think it's a realistic thing that can happen," Kirsch said. "If I had at little more talent, I'd be in the NFL," Kirsch said.

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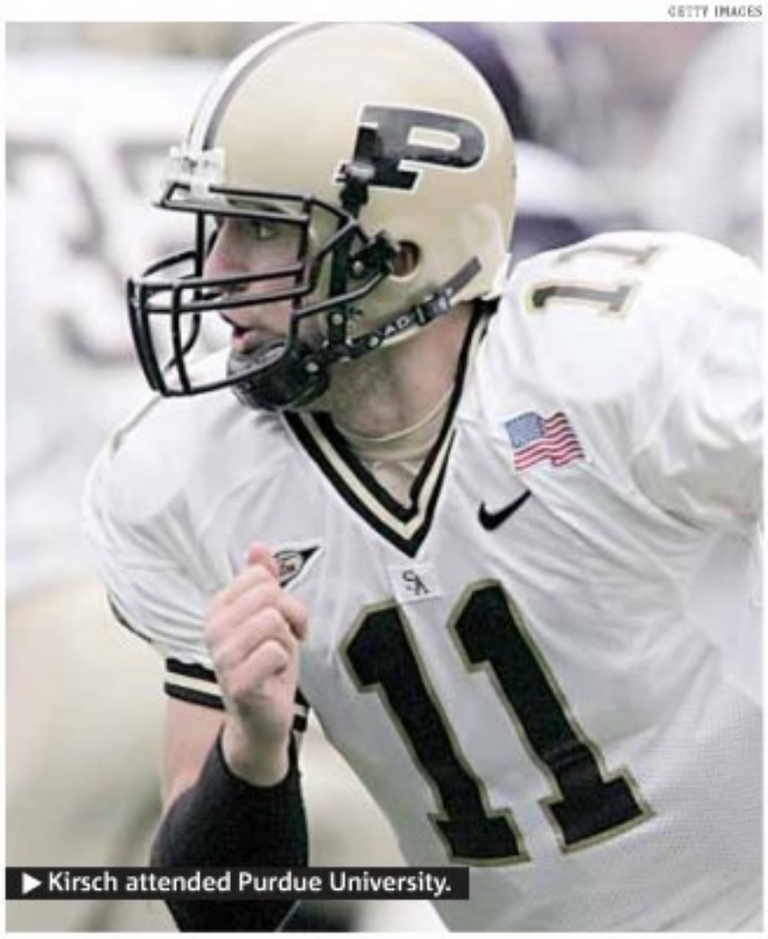

▶ Kirsch attended Purdue University.

By the numbers

117.5
Justin Allgood's QB rating Friday for Tulsa. He went 26-of-42 for 283 yards and six scores. He started the year as the Soul's starting QB.

78.6
Completion percentage for Ryan Vena, who replaced Brandon Kirsch at halftime. Vena went 11-for-14 for 168 yards and four touchdowns.

3-3
Soul's record at the Wells Fargo Center. They are 2-6 on the road, third place in the AFL's Eastern Division.

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Total plays — 2:43 time of possession — on the Soul's opening scoring drive.

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Toyota says its production lines recovering faster than expected in tsunami-ravaged Japan European sales pick up, mostly on the back of German demand

Toyota Motor Corp., slowed by tight parts supplies since Japan's record earthquake in March, said production at its North American auto plants is recovering faster than expected and will return to normal in September.

Full output of eight models — including Camry and Corolla cars, Sienna minivans and Highlander sport-utility vehicles — was restored June 6, and Tundra and Tacoma pickups and RAV4 and Lexus RX SUVs will reach that level by September, said Bob Carter, vice president of U.S. sales.

By the numbers

Monthly percent increase in European auto sales in May over the previous month:

16
Volkswagen

22
BMW

16
General Motors

10
Ford Motor Co.

Toyota estimated in April that pre-quake production would resume in November.

"Our inventories are at the bottom but will be improving quickly," Carter said last week. "I'm doing back flips."

On the other side of the world, in Europe, Volkswagen and BMW led the continent's strongest car-sales recovery in 14 months in May, as new models attracted buyers in Germany and France.

Registrations rose 7.6 percent from a year earlier to 1.25 million vehicles, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association said today in a statement. Five-month sales decreased 0.4 percent.

Demand in Germany and France, Europe's two biggest car markets, expanded 22 percent and 6.1 percent, respectively. European car deliveries have declined every month except two since April 2010, after an end to government cash-for-clunker programs curtailed demand.

"The European market shows signs of recovery," said Fiat SpA head of sales Andrea Formica. "It's still a two-speed market. Germany and France are growing, while Italy, Spain and Greece are still facing difficulties," Formica told reporters at a Fiat model presentation June 14. BLOOMBERG

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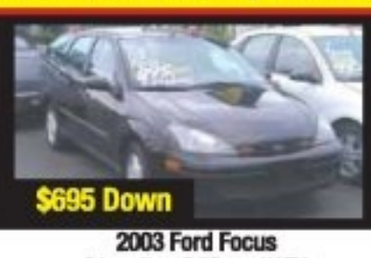
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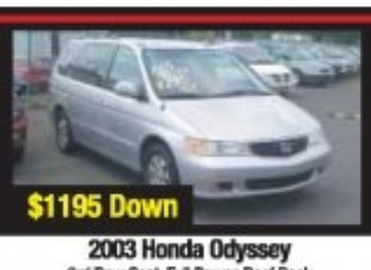
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GM investing in plants, eyes jobs

GM is spending $33 million at a plant in Tonawanda near Buffalo, N.Y., and will retain or create 100 jobs. The automaker will also put $32 million into a plant in Spring Hill, Tenn. — about 30 miles south of Nashville — and fill 63 jobs.

The Tonawanda plant has 83 workers on lay off, down from 179 after GM's 2009 bankruptcy. There are about 300 Spring Hill plant workers on lay off now, down from about 600 at the end of 2010, GM said.

The investments are part of a $2 billion effort by GM announced in May that the company said would keep or add 4,000 jobs in 17 plants in eight U.S. states.

The plants will make fuel-efficient, 2.4-liter "Ecotec" four-cylinder engines for Chevrolet cars and crossover SUVs, including the Chevrolet Malibu sedan, Equinox crossover and GMC Terrain crossover.

The Malibu was the best-selling car in the U.S. market in May, behind two pickup truck lines including the F-series from Ford Motor Co. and the Chevrolet Silverado.

Tonawanda plant general manager Steve Finch said the plant now employs 850 workers and that all workers now on layoff would be called back by next spring.

Over the next few years, if sales of Chevrolet models continue to improve, another 300 to 500 jobs may be added, Finch said. REUTERS

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